

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, March 8, 2011

PLACE: Lower Level Conference Room

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| PRESENT: | Dave Buck | Vicki Burch | Eric Chin |
| | David Christian | David Downey | Carrie Ehresman |
| | Jim Knapp | Chris Leroux | Kathleen Mills |
| | Karen O'Farrell | Larry Preo | Eddie VanBogaert |
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| VISITORS: | Beth Cook | Michelle Debord | Kyle Betz |
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Chairman Sinha brought the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Ms. O'Farrell made a motion to approve the January minutes and Ms. Burch seconded. The January minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

Safe Routes to School Signal Delay Protocol

Mr. Buck stated that we've had issues with the SRTS safety beacons when there is a change to the school day schedule. Ms. Mills stated she had called the engineer's office on three separate occasions when there was a school schedule change and the beacons were not flashing at the appropriate time. Mr. Buck stated that Officer Hartman who is able to remotely schedule the beacons to turn on and off is not always aware when there is a schedule change for West Lafayette Schools. If someone can make him aware of the schedule change he can adjust the timing of the beacons. Ms. Mills mentioned he can sign up for Eventlink, which is a program that would notify him when there is a change in the school day schedule. Capt. Leroux said he will register Officer Hartman for Eventlink so this should not happen in the future.

Third Street Tunnel Top Repair Project

Mr. Knapp was present to notify the commission that the original start date has been pushed back. The new project start date is set for May 16th and the project will be complete by July 31st. Third and Waldron Streets will not be closed until after commencement. Mr. Knapp stated an updated construction map will be kept on the Purdue website with current road closures.

Crash History Reports

Capt. Leroux brought copies of the West Lafayette crash history report from 2004 through 2010. He is pleased that the total crashes are down even though there are more vehicles on the road

than in 2004. It is also good to have the fatalities back to zero in 2010. Chairman Sinha asked if there is more than one death in a crash would it be considered only one fatality? Capt. Leroux said that it would be considered one fatality.

Capt. Leroux also brought the Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash History Report for 2006 to 2010. The numbers are consistent throughout the years. Ms. Burch asked if the Crash Report data was collected from pedestrian and bicycles being struck by vehicles. Capt. Leroux confirmed that was correct. Chairman Sinha asked if anyone has looked at comparable data in other cities. Mr. Buck suggested we pull data on crash reports in cities comparable to West Lafayette. Chairman Sinha agreed this would be good data to have.

Capt. Chin brought copies of the 2009 and 2010 Purdue University Police Department traffic enforcement data. Traffic and warning tickets are up in 2010, due to increased patrols. The data shows there were no crash fatalities and total accidents were down by five since 2009. Dr. Sinha asked if it were possible to compare our data to other cities. Mr. Buck suggested comparing to other Big Ten college campus police departments. Capt. Chin said this can be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wabash Commons:

Mr. Buck introduced Kyle Betz from John E. Fisher & Associates, P.C. to discuss the Wabash Commons project. Kyle stated that Alan White has purchased the land and has met with INDOT. There is a permit pending with INDOT currently, which he expects to be approved soon.

The entrance from US-52 will be the same with improvements only. The entrance across from Marsh on Nighthawk Drive will be moved to the north to stagger it from the Marsh entrance and the access from Navajo will be the same as it was previously when Kmart was located there. Chairman Sinha asked what the reason for the staggered entrance on Nighthawk. Mr. Betz stated the way it set up now that two left turns at the same time could result in a head on collision.

Currently the plans show five lots. Mike's Express Carwash will be a new addition, along with the strip mall where Silver Dipper is located. The other three lots are still to be determined. The plans show Navajo Street will be narrowed by three feet to make room for a proper five foot sidewalk and planting strip. Chairman Sinha agreed that the sidewalk is too narrow for two pedestrians to walk side by side. The north curb will be painted yellow. Ms. Burch inquired what kind of trees would be planted in the planting strip. Mr. Buck stated that has not been determined at this time.

Mr. Knapp asked if vehicle headlights from the parking lots and entrance on Navajo will bother residents across the street on Navajo. Mr. Buck said that shrubs will be planted as a buffer.

Ms. Burch asked for a comparable to the width of what Navajo will be after the project is complete. Mr. Buck said it will be comparable to Sycamore without the bump outs. Currently the width curb to curb is 34 feet. It will go down approximately three feet to 31 feet. When the street is resurfaced, the city will adjust the crown of the street and re-stripe the lanes.

Ms. Burch asked if there will be a bike lane. Mr. Buck responded that there is no bike lane at present and no bike lane is planned. Commissioner Sinha asked if we should put a bike lane in to be "bike friendly". Mr. Buck said that in this instance, the higher priority is the pedestrians. Wide sidewalks and street trees for the residents are the priority. Since there is no bike lane to connect with, it would just be a short stretch of road that has a bike lane. The city will continue to add bike lanes where we can during projects.

Ms. Burch asked when the project will start. Mr. Betz answered that they hope to have pricing and get started soon. Ms. O'Farrell asked if it were okay to update the neighborhood and Mr. Buck responded "absolutely".

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, May 17, 2011, Lower Level Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.M. Buck", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer

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